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SUBJ: GOB GRANTS CUBANA-BARBADOS REVENUE STOP ON HAVANA-
LUANDA RUN

1. ALTHOUGH NOT YET OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, THE GOB'S AIR ROUTE LICENSING BODY HAS GRANTED THE CUBAN AIR LINE PERMISSION TO INCLUDE BARBADOS AS A REGULAR STOP ENROUTE TO LUANDA VIA CONAKRY AND FREETOWN. A CIVIL AVIATION SOURCE TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT ORDINARILY THE DECISION WOULD HAVE BEEN GAZETTED, HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE DELAYED "A WHILE," IMPLYING IT WILL NOT APPEAR UNTIL AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION.

2. A CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION OFFICIAL HAS TOLD US THAT THE GOB GO-AHEAD TO CUBANA WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO REFUSE CUBANA PERMISSION TO USE THE LEASED DC-8'S ON THE AFRICAN RUN.

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